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SUBJECT:MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO

1. A FEW POSTS SEEM TO BE CONFUSED ABOUT THE WAY IN WHICH THE PUERTO RICO ISSUE WILL MOST LIKELY BE RAISED AT THE UNITED NATIONS. AT THIS TIME THE MOST LIKELY FORUM IN WHICH THE ISSUE WILL BE RAISED IS THE COMMITTEE OF 24. VOTING ON THE PUERTO RICO ISSUE LAST YEAR TOOK PLACE IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 ONLY AND WAS ON A PROCEDURAL MATTER: WHETHER OR NOT TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUE TO THIS YEAR. THIS MOTION WAS ADOPTED AND MATTER POSTPONED.

2. PUERTO RICO WAS NOT CONSIDERED AT THE 30TH UNGA AND WE HOPE THAT IT WILL NOT BE RAISED AT THE 31ST UNGA. THIS, OF COURSE, DEPENDS ON WHAT HAPPENS IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24. IF SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS BY THAT BODY SHOULD RESULT IN THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE BEING PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 31ST UNGA, ALL POSTS WILL BE INFORMED.

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3. THE ABOVE FACTOR SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION DURING POST PRESENTATIONS. WE ARE AT THIS TIME MOST INTERESTED IN AVOIDING THE INCLUSION OF PUERTO RICO ON THE AGENDA ADOPTED AT THE NACC AND THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION

ON PUERTO RICO AT THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETING. THE CUBANS WOULD, OF COURSE, USE THE ADOPTION OF SUCH A RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN THEIR CASE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF 24. APPROACHES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS ARE TO BE ON THAT BASIS, NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 OR THE 31ST UNGA.

4. AT THE PRESENT TIME, OUR EMPHASIS IS ON NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, BUT POSTS WHICH HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INCLUDE THIS ISSUE AS OPPORTUNITIES OCCUR TO REVIEW MULTILATERAL ISSUES SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO. MAY 19 SPEECH BY GOV. COLON OF PUERTO RICO (WIRELESS FILE) PROVIDES GOOD MATERIALS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR DOING SO. ROBINSON

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